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PATENT 1617  
Docket No.: 55190US009

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KESTUTIS J. TAUTVYDAS AND JEFFREY F. ANDREWS  
 Application No.: 09/696,635 Group Art Unit: 1617  
 Filed: October 25, 2000 Examiner: S. Jiang  
 Title: FRUIT, VEGETABLE, AND SEED DISINFECTANTS

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended						
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Total Claims	19	Minus	**	30	0	x \$18.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	***	7	0	x \$86.00
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Respectfully submitted,

February 17, 2004

Date

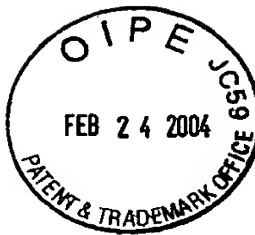
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2003.  
Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. An Amendment Transmittal Letter is also attached for your convenience.